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SUBJ: CYPRUS CRISIS

1. MFA CALLED A/DCM TO FOREIGN MINISTRY URGENTLY ABOUT FORTY MINUTES AGO. SHE WAS RECEIVED BY MIGLIARESSIS AND METAXAS. USING MAP THEY INDICATED STRONG TURKISH ATTACKS NOW OCCURRING NICOSIA INVOLVING M-48 TANKS. THEY SAID GREECE WOULD FIGHT AND THIS MEANT WAR. MIGLIARESSIS COMPARED SITUATION TO 1940 AND EMPHASIZED US ON WHOM GREECE HAD BEEN RELYING REMAINED ITS "LAST HOPE" TO AVERT CATASTROPHE. BRIEFING ON MILITARY SITUATION WAS AS OF 1830, BUT AS A/DCM LEFT BUILDING KARAGEORGOS RUSHED UP TO SAY MFA HAD JUST BEEN ON TELEPHONE WITH GREEK EMBASSY WHICH, ALONG WITH LETHRA PALACE HOTEL WAS UNDER MORTAR ATTACK. GREEK DEPENDENTS AND OFFICERS OF GREEK EMBASSY HAD CUT CONNECTION, SAYING GOOD-BY AND EXPRESSING HOPE THEY MIGHT SURVIVE
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BY TAKING SHELTER IN BASEMENT. HE ALSO APPEALED FOR

US HELP. THROUGHOUT PRECEDING CONVERSATION REFERENCES TO PERFDY OF TURKEY AND ITS VIOLATION OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT WERE FREQUENT.

2. MFA OFFICIALS STRESSED THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF GOING TO GENEVA AND REPEATED SITUATION SPELLED WAR. THEY COULD NOT TALK WITH TURKS WHO HAD PRECIPITATED BATTLE IN NICOSIA. GREEKS KNEW THEY WOULD WIN BECAUSE THEY HAD ACTED CORRECTLY WHILE TURKISH BEHAVIOR HAD DISQUALIFIED TURKEY TO BE CONSIDERED MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. CONCLUSION OF CONVERSATION WAS REPETITION OF PLEA FOR FINAL EFFORT TO AVERT WAR.

3. MEANTIME ALL DOWNTOWN ATHENS IS IN STATE OF HIGH ELATION AT NEWS OF GOVERNMENT CHANGES. HUGE CROWDS HAVE ALREADY GATHERED IN SYNTAGMA SQUARE AND AROUND MFA AND PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS. PEOPLE ARE CHANTING "KARAMANLIS", "HANG IOANNIDES", "FREEDOM" AND HORNS ARE HONKING WILDLY. TRAFFIC IS JAMMED IN CENTER OF CITY AND PEDESTRIANS POURING DOWN STREETS. POLICE CLEARLY WILL BE IN NO POSITION TO CONTROL SITUATION. TASCA

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